HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

A RESOLUTION honoring Orleans Jr. Sr. High School.

Whereas, Orleans Jr. Sr. High School has been recognized by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and U.S. News and World Report as one of the top schools in the nation;

Whereas, Named a "Best Buy" school, honor roll school, and a "head of the class" member by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Orleans Jr. Sr. High School is representative of Hoosier high schools that have excelled academically while providing good value for tax dollars;

Whereas, To be named a "Best Buy" school, the school's quality index must be above the statewide median, expenditures

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must be below the statewide median, and the quality index ranking must be 20% higher than the school's expenditures ranking. To qualify as an honor roll school, the school must excel academically despite having at-risk student demographics above the statewide median;

Whereas, Orleans Jr. Sr. High School also received a bronze medal from U.S. News and Word Report recognizing it as one of our nation's top schools;

Whereas, U.S. News and World Report's America's Best High Schools 2008 list analyzed 18,790 public high schools in 40 states using a three-step process that ensures that all schools considered serve their students well and assess the degree the schools prepare their students for college-level work; and

Whereas, It is fitting that recognition of the achievements of the members of our educational system should be extensive to encourage them to always strive to develop Indiana's educational system to its full potential: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates Orleans Jr. Sr. High School on being selected as a "Best Buy" school by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and receiving a bronze medal from U.S. News and Word Report for being one of the top schools in the nation.

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8 9 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Orleans Jr. Sr. High School principal Gary McClintic and Orleans Community Schools superintendent James Terrell.

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